

Amendments To The Specification.

Please replace paragraph [0014] with the following amended paragraph:

The invented garment comprises a sleepwear garment for a nursing mother and a support bra for women who have undergone surgery. The garment utilizes a fabric of cotton blended with a stretch constituent, spandex, the garment comprising a shoulder supported garment of waist length with bosom support and retained shoulder slip-off front cross-over panels held in place by shoulder straps. The front shoulder straps and front panels have elastic straps incorporated therein for securing the shoulder straps and front panels in place over the breasts. The front shoulder straps and front panels are a single piece secured to the breast support seam of the garment. The breast support seam located below the breasts incorporates an elastic strap and is secured by the side seams of the garment back. An elastic stretch lace secures the garment around the body of the wearer. Each front panel includes a breast pad pocket, the pocket comprising a liner sewn into each front panel to hold a breast pad or prosthesis. Each panel liner embodying the pocket has an opening on the body side to provide access for the breast pad insert or prosthesis. The outer covering, the front shoulder straps and front panels, and the inner breast pad pocket liners are made of soft, stretchable natural, or synthetic fabrics or blends thereof. Preferably the garment is made of a fabric with [restrictive] stretchability.

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following amended paragraph:

A front view of the preferred embodiment of the invention is depicted in Figure 1. The sleepwear garment comprises an outer covering 10 consisting of two breast retention cross-over panels, 17 and 18, abdomen covering panel 14 and a back

covering panel 12. The two cross-over breast retention panels 17 and 18 are constructed of angled side edges to form one side of the Vneckline and the bottom of the Vneckline is formed where the panels cross, one over the other as shown in Figures 1 and 2. Panels 17 and 18 are joined to panel 14 by seam 20. Seam 20 is located above the waistline of the [weaver] wearer of the garment and suitably below the breasts to cause the breast retention panels to support the undersides and sides of the breasts but do not otherwise restrict movement of the breasts by the wearer of the garment. Covering 10 extends below the arms and includes shoulder straps 16 as part of the breast retention panels. The outer covering 10 is made of a natural, synthetic or natural/synthetic blend fabric suitable for the desired end use such as spandex, nylon, polyester, cotton or blends thereof. The fabric should be soft, stretchable and resilient while still providing a moderate degree of support for the portion of the woman's torso, which it encases.

Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following amended paragraph:

As shown in Figure 1, the outer covering 10 encases at least the bust region of a woman's torso and covers the abdomen, hips and rear areas as well, those portions of a woman's torso conventionally covered by a woman's jacket. Alternatively, the outer covering 10 can comprise a full-length gown, which encases a woman's torso from the shoulders to below the knees with a full skirt for the wearer's comfort and ease of movement. The shoulder straps form a neck opening 19 and a pair of arm openings 35. The lower portion 14 of outer covering 10 covering the abdomen and the two breast retention panels 17 and 18, with v-necklines, are sewn or otherwise secured to the garment's back panel 12 along the side seams. The front panel covering the abdomen

and the rear portion of the outer covering may be made of separate fabric panels in which case they are sewn or otherwise secured along side seams. Each breast retention panel, 17 and 18, comprises two layers of fabric, the inner layer 32 containing openings to insert breast pads, the outer layer [33] furnishing the outer covering 10, [each layer sewn together to form a unitary breast panel with an opening on the body side] the two layers sewn together to form a pocket therein, the inner layer 32 with an opening 22 on the body side to provide access for placement of a pad or prosthesis between the layers.

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph:

[On] As shown in Figure 1, each shoulder strap 16 of each breast retention panel which form the shoulder straps of the garment, there is an elastic strap 25 secured to each shoulder strap 16 joining the shoulder end of the shoulder strap to the seam 20 joining the breast retention panels and the abdomen covering panel 14. An elastic strap 30 is secured to seam 20 joining the breast retention panels 17 and 18 and the abdomen covering panel 14, the elastic strap 30 secured to the side seams joining the back panel 12 to the breast retention panels 17 and 18 and abdomen covering panel 14. The elastic straps are of a suitable elasticity to provide a measure of support to the undersides and sides of the breasts. Elastic lace 26 is secured to the lower portion of the abdomen covering panel 14 and the back 12 of garment 10 as a stretchable retention means for positioning and fitting the garment to secure the garment around the body of the wearer. The elastic lace 26 is of a sufficient elasticity to provide moderate stretch ability of the garment without high stretch ability. Alternatively, a [narrowed] hemline is secured to the lower portion of the abdomen covering panel 14 and the back

12 of garment 10 [as a retention means] for positioning and fitting the garment around the nursing mother's body.

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 2 depicts the hidden breast retention liners of panels 17 and 18 with [circular] openings 22 providing entrance to the breast retention panel pockets formed within the panel between the outer covering and the liner. The openings 22 [ar] are suitably positioned to fit over each breast [to comprise a means of] for positioning, [holding and supporting] a breast pad and prosthesis, and is, alternatively, in the form of a slit, a circular opening, an oval opening, and any modification of a slit opening, a circular opening, oval opening.

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

The breast pad pocket openings on each breast retention panel are suitably located that the breast pads and prosthesis are secured between the breasts and the breast retention panels, the breast pads and prosthesis being held between the two fabric layers of each breast panel, the fabric layers being soft, stretchable and resilient of cotton with a stretch constituent, spandex, to hold the breast pads and prosthesis in place over each breast.

Please replace paragraph [0022] with the following paragraph:

Figure 3 depicts the rear view of the nursing garment with "scoop" style back shoulder [straps] neckline and shows the elastic lace 26 secured to the garment to secure the garment around the body of the wearer. The shoulder straps 16 define a conventional "scoop" back in which the neck opening 19 extends to about the shoulder blades.

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

Turning again to Figure 1, the view depicts that the nursing garment embodies a ["V"] Vneckline. This allows the nursing mother to slide either shoulder strap off her shoulder to nurse her child. The ["V" neck] Vneckline in the front of the garment allows the woman to easily slip the shoulder strap and breast retention panel down so that there is no need to fumble with hooks or clasps in the middle of the feeding period. One breast remains covered while the other breast is used. In an alternative embodiment, there is no need for the woman to be concerned about soaking the garment while nursing the baby because the breast pads stay in place by the stretchability and elastic support provided by the stretchable materials of the fabric layers of the panels and can absorb fluid from the breast not being used for nursing. The breast pads, remaining in place, also absorb fluid from both breasts after the nursing period if fluid continues to flow.

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to Figure 2, the breast pad pocket openings 22 depicted are hidden on each breast retention panel 17 and 18 by outer covering 10. The breast pad pocket openings are positioned on each panel 17 and 18 in suitable position over each breast, each opening [suitably sized] to receive and hold a breast pad or prosthesis. The dimension of the opening can be sized to allow breast pads of any suitable size to be held in place [by pressure of the breasts against the opening of each breast pad pocket] by the stretchability and elastic support provided by the stretchable materials of the fabric layers of the panels. The breast [pad pocket liners] retention panel inner layers are fashioned of the same material as throughout the garment but it is understood that

variations in fabric used for the [pockets] inner layers and the dimensions of the [pockets] openings are possible without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

Essential elements of the garment comprise the two [V-neck] Vneckline breast retention panels which are easily slipped off the wearer's shoulder to expose a breast, and the three elastic straps which hold the garment in place on the wearer as shown in Figures 1 and 2[,]. [two] Two straps [being] 16 are secured [on] to the ["V" neck] Vnecklines [straps] of the breast retention panels 17 and 18. [in conjunction with] [the] The third breast support elastic strap 20 is located below the bosom and secured to the side seams joining the breast retention panels to the back panel. The breast support elastic strap 20 is also secured to the seam joining the two breast retention panels to the abdomen-covering panel. An additional essential element comprises the elastic lace strap, which encircles the wearer at the base of the garment and serves to hold the garment in place around the torso of the wearer. The fabric comprising the garment is an additional essential element being a cotton blend with a stretch constituent which provides stretchability with recoverability, is soft to the touch, and supportive to the wearer's body. The ["V" neck] Vneckline design of the garment as in Figures 1 and 2 is a further essential element of the garment 10 in that the separate breast panels comprising the ["V" neck] Vneckline [10] permit the wearer to slip a breast retention panel and shoulder strap off her shoulder at the wearer's convenience without undoing straps, hooks, buttons, or clasps, and to readjust the breast retention panel and

shoulder strap back upon her body to the panel's original breast covering position with ease.

Please replace paragraph [0029] with the following amended paragraph. (Insert the Abstract paragraph Insert C.